

1      **2. Amendments to the specification.**

2      **A. Kindly insert the following paragraph after line 15 of page 6:**

3            The knife is suitable typically for enabling an ear surgeon to make an incision in an  
4            ear canal so as to dissect and lift ear canal skin off a bony canal wall down to a tympanic  
5            membrane for allowing access to an inner ear space while evacuating blood to maintain  
6            visualization in a tight otologic surgical site using only the knife in one hand of the  
7            surgeon.